

HOUSE BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL 671

**48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007**

AN ACT

RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS; PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT  
OF MORALE, WELFARE AND RECREATION FACILITIES AT THE ONATE  
TRAINING CENTER COMPLEX IN SANTA FE; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. ONATE TRAINING CENTER COMPLEX--MORALE, WELFARE  
AND RECREATION FACILITY--ESTABLISHMENT--POWERS AND DUTIES--  
PROCEEDS--AUDITS.--

A. As used in this section:

(1) "department" means the department of  
military affairs; and

(2) "facilities" means a post exchange,  
canteen, barber shop, fitness center, snack bar, transient  
housing, billeting operation, laundry or similar facility, the  
purpose of which is to enhance the morale and welfare of

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1 military personnel.

2 B. The department may establish "morale, welfare  
3 and recreation facilities" at the Onate training center complex  
4 in Santa Fe for use by:

5 (1) active and reserve component members of  
6 the armed forces of the United States;

7 (2) persons retired from the armed forces of  
8 the United States; and

9 (3) state and federal civilian employees  
10 assigned to the department.

11 C. The facilities shall be established in  
12 accordance with rules of the federal departments of the army  
13 and air force and the national guard governing nonappropriated  
14 fund morale, welfare and recreation activities. The department  
15 of military affairs shall adopt and promulgate rules to carry  
16 out the provisions of this section.

17 D. The facilities shall be:

18 (1) separate and apart from the state; and

19 (2) self-sufficient and shall not receive any  
20 appropriations from the legislature.

21 E. The department shall establish a system of  
22 bookkeeping and accounting for the proper handling of money  
23 derived from the operation of the facilities. The department  
24 shall establish bank accounts as necessary for the deposit of  
25 revenue from operation of the facilities. Money derived from

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1 operation of the facilities is not state money and shall not be  
 2 commingled with money received by the department from state  
 3 sources.

4 F. The department may contract for the operation of  
 5 the facilities. Employees of the facilities are not state  
 6 employees for any purpose.

7 G. No obligations or contracts of the facilities  
 8 shall be considered to be obligations or contracts of the  
 9 state.

10 H. The department shall require an annual  
 11 independent audit each year of the facilities' operations and  
 12 may require other audits as necessary. Audits shall be  
 13 submitted to the state auditor and the legislative finance  
 14 committee within ten days of receipt by the department.

15 I. Money derived from the operation of the  
 16 facilities is appropriated to the department for the continued  
 17 operation of the facilities and for the general welfare of  
 18 members of the New Mexico national guard.